

THE MASSACHUSETTS TRUCK SAFETY DEVICE LAW

Leading the nation and making **Massachusetts** roadways safer for all

2019-2023 FARS data for Massachusetts

BIG TRUCKS | BIG SAFETY CONSEQUENCES



2.6% of registered vehicles in MA are large trucks



28% of bicyclist, wheelchair, & micromobility fatalities in MA involved large trucks



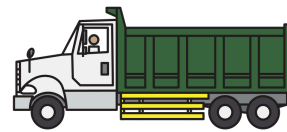
5% of pedestrian fatalities in MA involved large trucks

WHY THIS LAW MATTERS

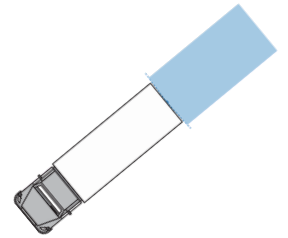
The Massachusetts **Truck Safety Devices Law** (MGL Chapter 90 Section 7 and 540 CMR 4.00) is a groundbreaking law designed to address a critical safety issue found on our roadways. It applies to some vehicles over 10,000lbs. This law aims to prevent crashes by improving driver visibility and to reduce the severity of injuries when crashes do occur. These crashes are not statistics; they are lives and communities forever altered.

A **young child** struck and killed by a tractor-trailer in Andover (May 2023). A **grandmother** killed by a dump truck in Worcester (July 2016). A **student** struck by a right-turning truck and killed after slipping underneath in Cambridge (June 2024). **Multiple fatal bicyclist crashes** in Boston, Cambridge, and Newton, all them with friends, family, and communities. These are just a few of the fatal crashes that this law aims to prevent.

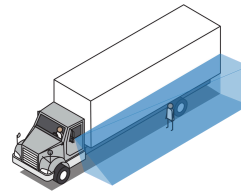
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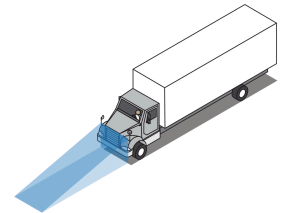
SIDEGUARDS
prevent
underride deaths



BACKUP CAMERA
rear visibility to prevent
backover deaths



CONVEX SIDE MIRRORS
side visibility helps
drivers see bike lanes &
sidewalks



CROSS-OVER MIRRORS
prevent
start-from-stop
crashes

YOU CAN HELP SAVE LIVES

69
WORKER
BACKOVER
DEATHS
ANNUALLY IN
THE U.S.

100+
POTENTIAL U.S.
LIVES SAVED
ANNUALLY BY
SIDE GUARDS

80%
OF HEAVY-DUTY TRUCKS
CAN'T SEE AN
ADULT IN THE
BIKE LANE

Sources: BLS; IIHS; MassDOT; USDOT Volpe

ENFORCEMENT BEGINS DECEMBER 31, 2025



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